

Town of Estancia
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

TUESDAY, September 2, 2025 6:15pm

Municipal Building, 513 Williams Avenue, Estancia, NM 87016

MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm and Roll Call was taken:

Trustee May – Present

Trustee Lovato – Present

Trustee Sanchez - Present

Trustee Hall - Present

Mayor Dial -Present

1.0 Approval/Disapproval of Agenda – Action Item

Mayor Dial asked that Agenda Item #6 be TABLED until the next meeting. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee May made a motion to approve the Agenda with Item 6 TABLED as requested above. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

2.0 Discussion/Approval of the August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as written. Trustee May seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

No Public Comment

4.0 Police Department Award of Commendation – Presentation

Estancia Police Chief Carter said, in summary, that on August 24th, 2025, Sgt. Duran and Officer Issac Aragon responded to a medical emergency involving a female who was overdosing on fentanyl. Upon arrival, Officer Aragon quickly assessed the situation and immediately administered life-saving measures, including CPR, until medical personnel arrived. His swift response, calmness under pressure, and refusal to hesitate in the face of danger directly contributed to saving a human life. His actions embody the highest tradition of public service and reflect great credit upon him and the Estancia Police Department. The dedication and professionalism he displayed during this critical incident served as an example for all the officers to follow. On behalf of the Estancia Police Department and the community we serve, we commend Officer Aragon for his bravery, his decisive action, and his commitment to protecting life. The Board of Trustees and all present congratulated Officer Aragon and thanked him for his dedicated service to the residents of the Town of Estancia.

5.0 Department Updates:

Police- Chief Carter said that August was a relatively busy month. They had about 69 calls for service. As of today, they are officially in the new building and finally got their internet and phones up and running. Chief Carter also clarified that his department does conduct driving tests. He also said that there was a recent story in the news about a child that had passed; there was a big CYFD investigation. He said he couldn't talk about details, but the Estancia Police were involved in the investigation and the only agency that touched that case that didn't have any issues was us. Chief Carter said he is super proud. He said he wished he could explain more details but it's an ongoing investigation.

Chief Carter said they are planning to have an Open House when the new PD building is ready. The Trustees are considering having one of their Regular Board meetings there.

Chief Carter and Trustee Lovato are still working on new signage for the baseball field.

Code Enforcement had no update for this meeting.

Fire- Fire Chief Wolonsky said thank you for purchasing the PD's new building. The fire department building is now going to be what it was meant to be back in the 70s when it was built. They have furniture coming, including bunk beds. He said they had one call that the county couldn't answer: a car fire. They were also involved in the search for the missing Mountainair young person. He also said that a resident, Richard Weiss, has begun setting fires again.

EMS- had no update for this meeting.

Library- had no update for this meeting.

Maintenance- Public Works Supervisor Bencomo said that his department is making sure that the water levels in the town tanks are good. The prison is receiving adequate water, as is the school and our residents. The pond water levels are getting better as well. Mr. Bencomo said that he will be out of town from the 15th through the 18th; he will be in New Orleans competing at Nationals for a meter contest. We all wish him the very best of luck!

Administration- had no update for this meeting.

Old Business

6.0 RV Park Proposal- Ernesto Acosta- Discussion/Possible Action This item is TABLED

New Business

7.0 Recreational Grant, Que Linda Grant, Clean and Beautiful Grant- Information and Discussion Only

Clerk Jones outlined some details of each of these grants that the Town has been awarded.

- **Recreational Grant:** The Recreational Grant Application is open until September 12th with projects needing completion by June 30, 2026. The town will apply for pool renovation funding with no maximum request limit.

- **Clean and Beautiful Grant:** Town was awarded \$10,025 for waste receptacles (\$3,000), anti-litter signage (\$1,000), town cleanup tickets (\$5,000), and community cleanup activities (\$1,025).
- **Que Linda Grant:** Town was awarded \$100,000 but requires hiring a full-time position to manage the grant. The board is considering declining due to this requirement.

8.0 Repairs to Slide and New Mulch- Discussion and Possible Action

Clerk Jones said that the slide at the park was damaged by a fallen tree; parts will be replaced. The cost to replace the parts will be around \$6,000.00. We have about \$5,000.00 remaining in our Park/Pond/and Pool grant that will be used for this repair.

We are also considering a \$16,000-\$17,000 proposal for new rubber mulch for the playground area. The Board requested more options. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to TABLE this item in order to get more mulch options. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **ITEM TABLED**

9.0 Water Update- Information Only

Mayor Dial shared the following water updates:

- The town received a permit to deepen and clean Well #9
- Engineers and well drillers will determine whether to deepen the existing well 9 or relocate within 150 feet
- Water Trust Board funding was approved after some challenges. The final approval will come at the WTB's Sept 25 meeting.

10.0 Mayor/Council:

Trustee Hall- said he is very glad that we are moving forward with repairs/improvements to the pool. He also took this moment to recognize the passing of long time Estancia resident Marilyn Coburn.

Trustee May- said that someone is selling burritos and a local business is complaining. We need to find out if a business registration is required for someone who is selling out of a food truck or selling from location to location. She also said that she attended an EMWT meeting and that their finances need reviewing. She, as the rep of Estancia on this Board, is going to take this on.

Trustee Lovato- asked how many residents are signed up for TEXT MY GOV and how much are we paying for this service. Clerk Jones said she will find out. He also asked if we have any more information about possibly giving a credit to our water utility customers. Mayor Dial said we are still waiting for an answer from our lawyer. Trustee Lovato also asked if fishing is allowed at night. Mayor Dial thinks it is, as the fish are a source of food.

Trustee Sanchez had no update for this meeting.

Mayor Dial-listed the candidates who are running for local municipal office:

- Mayor- Nathan Dial, Runnel Riley, Boyd Vardy (write-in)

- Trustee- Albert Lovato, Mark Martinez, Martin Lucero
- Judge- Irena Dial, Bruce Dial

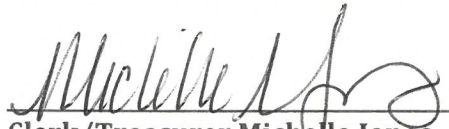
Adjournment -

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:39pm.

Approved: 
Mayor Nathan Dial

Date: 9/22/2025

Attest: 
Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Jones

Date: 9/22/2025